DEMAND No. XIX—AYURVEDA.

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,000 under Demand XIX, Ayurveda. This amount is required for the purpose of purchasing medicines for the Government Ayurvedic Hospital at Trivandrum. The budget grant for the year under this head, is Rs. 7,000. It has been found not possible to meet the entire demand with this amount. The main reason for the increased demand is the increase in the number of in-patients and out-patients in the Hospital. Statistics show that the average daily attendance in the Hospital in 1114 was 22·96, whereas during the current year, it is 28·43. The total number of inpatients treated up to the end of Edavam 1114 was 318 while, for the corresponding period in the current year is 352. Out-patients for the same period in 1113 *i. e.* up to the end of Edavam numbered 72,443; and for the corresponding period of the current year, the number has come up to 75,985. Further, there has been quite recently, the addition of a new section to the Hospital *viz.*, the *Panchakarma* Section, where oil massage and other kinds of oil treatment are being carried on.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the honourable member kindly give further information about this?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir, I am proceeding to do so. Both for conducting the treatment, and for affording training to pupils in the *pizhichil, oozhichil, kizhi* and other modes of oil treatment, a trained Ayurvedic physician has been appointed and a new ward opened for the purpose; and in so short a period as about a month, 38 successful cases have been treated. It is in these circumstances that an additional allotment has been necessitated. I hope the House would have no objection to vote this supplementary grant.

MR M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether these processes of *pizhichil etc.*, take place in the Hospital itself?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM. May I know from where the medicines are purchased?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: From the Government Ayurveda Pharmacy.

The question whether a sum of Rs. 2,000 under supplementary Demand XIX, Ayurveda was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—(*contd.*)

THE TRIVANDRUM CITY MUNICIPAL BILL—(*contd.*)

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, clause 93 has been moved and it was being discussed.

PRESIDENT: Any other honourable member wishing to take part in the discussion?

Members indicated "No"

The following motion was put and carried.

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